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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
 DIRECTORS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE  
 PACIFIC, HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY, ON  
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1903, AT 2 P.M.

President von GELDERN presided. A quorum was present.

The purpose of the meeting being the Fifth Award of the Bruce Gold Medal, the letters received from the Directors of the six nominating Observatories were submitted by the Secretary. After a careful consideration of the recommendations contained in these letters, the selection of the Medalist was made by ballot, and the following certificate of bestowal was signed by all Directors present:—

SAN FRANCISCO, November 28, 1903.

FIFTH AWARD OF THE BRUCE MEDAL.

We, the undersigned Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, hereby certify, that, in accordance with the Statutes for the bestowal of the Bruce Medal, a special meeting of the Board of Directors was held this day, at two o'clock P.M., for the purpose of awarding the medal for the year 1904; and that, the provisions of the Statutes relating to its bestowal having been complied with, the medal was awarded to—

WILLIAM HUGGINS,

for Distinguished Services to Astronomy, by the consenting votes of eleven Directors.

Signed: R. G.AITKEN,\* CHAS. BURCKHALTER, W. W. CAMPBELL,\*  
 WM. H. CROCKER,\* CHAS. S. CUSHING,\* OTTO VON GELDERN,  
 A. O. LEUSCHNER, E. J. MOLERA,\* WM. M. PIERSON,\* S. D.  
 TOWNLEY,\* F. R. ZIEL.

Adjourned.

(\*By proxy.)

In answer to a letter addressed to Sir WILLIAM HUGGINS, notifying him of the action taken by the Directors, the following letter of acceptance was received:—

LONDON, 15 January, 1904.

DEAR SIR: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., informing me of the high honour which the Board of Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific have conferred upon me by the award to me of the "Bruce Gold Medal" for the year 1904. In accordance with the Statute to which you call my attention, I beg herewith to express formally my grateful acceptance of this mark of high distinction bestowed upon me by your Society; I shall always look upon the medal as among the most prized of my possessions.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours very faithfully,

WILLIAM HUGGINS.

To F. R. ZIEL, Esq.,

*Secretary Astronomical Society of the Pacific.*